

## REMARKS

### Claims Amendments.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 2. As the examiner indicated that Claim 2 would be allowable if combined with its base claim (Claim 1) and any intervening claims (none), Claim 1 is now allowable. No new matter has been added.

Claim 2 is cancelled.

Claim 3 has been amended to depend from Claim 1, as Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 3 is now allowable. No new matter has been added.

Claims 4 and 5 are cancelled.

Claim 6 has been amended to depend from Claim 1, as Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 6 is now allowable. No new matter has been added.

Claim 7 has been amended to depend from Claim 1, as Claim 2 has been cancelled. Claim 7 is now allowable. No new matter has been added.

Claims 8-12 have not been amended in this Response. As these claims depend directly or ultimately from allowable Claim 1, these claims are allowable.

Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 1. As the examiner indicated that Claim 13 would be allowable if combined with its base claim (Claim 1) and any intervening claims (none), Claim 13 is now allowable. No new matter has been added.

Claims 14-18 are cancelled.

Claims 19 and 20 have not been amended in this Response. As these claims depend directly or ultimately from allowable Claim 1, these claims are allowable.

Claims 21 and 22 are cancelled.

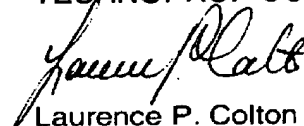
Claims 23-30 have not been amended in this Response. The examiner has indicated that these claims are allowed.

No new matter has been added in any of these amendments.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant has amended the claims solely to make them allowable according to the examiner's comments. Applicant believes it has fully addressed the examiner's concerns and the patent application is in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests such action. If the examiner has any questions that can be resolved over the telephone, please have the examiner contact the below signed patent attorney of record at 770.522.9762.

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